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Attorney General

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> OAST Coverage of Officials of Plaistow School District

> > James J. Barry, Commissioner, Department of Public Welfare

> > > Dear Mr. Barry:

Sentember 9. 1954 whether the members of the school board of the Plaistow School District and certain other compensated officials as enumerated in your letter are subject to the provisions of the appropriate OASI agreement. You state that they allege that their compensation is in the nature of payment for expenses but that they do not submit any itemized expense account, and I assume that the amounts they receive are set amounts and would not vary in accordance with any actual expenses.

It is therefore my opinion that the sums received by the officials are wages within the meaning of the Federal Social Security Act and the appropriate state statute, and should be reported to your department by the School District.

Very truly yours.

Richard C. Duncan Assistant Attorney General

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